

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a continuation (CPA) of Parent Application Serial No. 09/038,230 filed March 11, 1998.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Thrice Amended) An inorganic compound sol comprising a dispersion medium having a dielectric constant of from 10 to 85 and, dispersed therein, inorganic compound particulates having average particle size from about 11 to about 30 nm whose surface has been modified by an organic compound which is selected from the class consisting of vinylsilane compounds, acrylsilane compounds, epoxysilane compounds, aminosilane compounds, γ -mercaptopropyltrimethoxysilane and γ -chloropropyltrimethoxysilane, exhibiting a molecular polarizability of from 2×10^{-40} to $850 \times 10^{-40} \text{ C}^2 \text{m}^2 \text{J}^{-1}$, wherein the inorganic compound particulates are composite oxide particulates composed of silica and at least one inorganic oxide other than silica, with the ratio of silica to at least one inorganic oxide other than silica being 3 to 500.